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Since 1995, The Supreme Court's Committee on Justice for Children has administered the [Court Improvement Project](#) to develop and implement a data driven plan for continuous improvement in juvenile dependency cases. Under the direction of the Advisory Committee, Staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts collect and analyze data, create reports and provide trainings for juvenile court stakeholders. The current Georgia Court Improvement Program Strategic Plan for Child Welfare sets forth eight goals, which are listed below:

- Providing child welfare outcome and process measures, real time and periodically, for state courts
- Improving the quality of representation for all parties in child welfare cases: including parents, children and agency
 - Institutionalizing quality education and training for juvenile dependency stakeholders
 - Ensuring foster parents' rights to notice and to be heard in court
 - Recognizing a child's right to be treated as a legal party and to participate in child welfare process
- Improving Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children process
- Ensuring Title IV-E compliance
- Building Tribal Outreach and providing education on Indian Child Welfare Act